

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 872

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mrs. Dot Thompson of Fayetteville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened and deeply moved to learn of the passing of Mrs. Dot Thompson; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Thompson was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Dot Thompson served with acumen and alacrity as a legal assistant and staunch community advocate, in which positions she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual, Mrs. Thompson contributed her time and incredible efforts to historic concerns, local politics, and community-oriented endeavors, diligently serving in various capacities on city-and-county-appointed committees; and

WHEREAS, she was also instrumental in organizing and played an intricate part in the Friends of the Library of the Fayetteville-Lincoln County Public Library and coordinated a fund-raising auction of antiques from a local estate; her efforts raised approximately \$40,000 with the proceeds going to the City of Fayetteville and the library; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her public service and strength of character, Dot Thompson has been honored as a Steel Magnolia; and

WHEREAS, Dot Thompson was an outstanding person people looked to for calm in the midst of a storm, strength in times of weakness, and forbearance in the face of adversity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Thompson was an active and devout member of the Fayetteville First Presbyterian Church, which she served faithfully for many years as an Elder; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Dot Thompson enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, James Rhea "Jimmy" Thompson, who preceded her in death; she was the proud mother of son, Rhea Thompson, and her daughter, Kate Killebrew; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Thompson will also be sorely missed and fondly remembered by her three grandchildren, Virginia Thompson, Thomas Killebrew, and Jackson Killebrew, and her three brothers, Joe Young, Tom Young, and Jim Young; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Thompson leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mrs. Dot Thompson, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our deepest sympathy and offer our heartfelt condolences to the family of Dot Thompson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.